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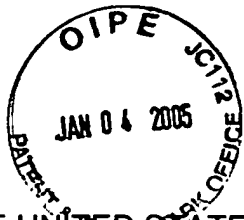
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**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 254 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.322, this is a request for the issuance of a Certificate of Correction in the above-identified patent. Two (2) copies of PTO Form 1050 are appended. The complete Certificate of Correction involves one (1) page.

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1. Form PTO-1449 considered and initialed by Examiner on October 15, 2004, showing the list of U.S. documents missing from the printed patent.
2. Page 19 of Amendment dated February 27, 2004, showing the proper language of issued claim 94 (pending claim 176).

Issuance of the Certificate of Correction containing the correction is earnestly requested.

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176. (previously presented) The spinal implant of claim 175, wherein said second facet configuration includes opposed side facets between said forward facet and said rearward portion, said side facets having at least a first portion in a plane passing through and being at an angle to the mid-longitudinal axis of said implant.

177. (previously presented) The spinal implant of claim 175, wherein said third and fourth surface projections are interspersed with said first and second surface projections.

178. (previously presented) The spinal implant of claim 176, further comprising at least a fifth and a sixth surface projection each having a third facet configuration with at least one forward facet directed at least in part toward the leading end and at least one rearward portion directed at least in part toward the trailing end, said forward facet and said rearward portion of said third facet configuration having a length and a slope, the length of said forward facet of said third facet configuration being longer than the length of said rearward portion of said third facet configuration, the slope of said rearward portion of said third facet configuration being steeper than the slope of said forward facet of said third facet configuration, said third facet configuration further including at least a left forward side facet and a right forward side facet directed at least in part toward said leading end and said sides, respectively, and a single rearward facet directed at least in part toward said trailing end, said left and right forward side facets having at least a first portion in a plane passing through and being at an angle to the mid-longitudinal axis of said implant.

179. (previously presented) The spinal implant of claim 178, wherein said fifth and sixth surface projections are interspersed with said first and second surface projections.

180. (previously presented) The spinal implant of claim 178, wherein said third, fourth, fifth, and sixth surface projections are interspersed with said first and second surface projections.

181. (previously presented) The spinal implant of claim 178, wherein one of said surface projections having said second facet configuration has a length approximating the combined length of two surface projections each having at least one of said first and third facet configurations.